

into an underskin implanted chamber and its withdrawal after filling the chamber.

The curvature of the device according to the invention allows it to maintain the underskin chamber in place during implantation and withdrawal of the needle.

MacGregor discloses a device for anchoring and relieving the strain on percutaneous leads (powering a stimulator for example) implanted for a long term. To reach that goal, the device of MacGregor has a disc that can be preshaped to conform to body contours. Nowhere does MacGregor teach a solution to the problem of firmly maintaining an underskin chamber in place during implantation and withdrawal of a needle. Hence, one skilled in the art would not look to MacGregor to modify Huet in order to achieve the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the combined teachings of Huet and MacGregor do not render the claims of the present application obvious.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

An unpaid fee required to keep this case alive may be charged to deposit account 06-0735.

Respectfully Submitted,

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